



Instructors To Learn Safe Driving

Fifty state high school teachers are enrolled in the Driver Safety Education Program which begins Monday and closes August 7.

Four courses will be offered to meet the demand for properly certified teachers of driver training and safety education. The completion of twelve credits in approved courses enables a teacher to obtain certification in driver training from the Commonwealth.

Scholarships have been made available through grants from the Allstate Foundation for teachers of driver training who are employed to conduct safety education activities in high schools during the next academic year.

Joseph Intorre, associate in charge of driver training, said the response to the scholarship offers has been good and nearly all of the grants have been awarded.

The University has pioneered courses in driver education offering the first one in 1933.

Courses to be offered in driver education during the mid-session are Education 430, visual and other aids in safety education; Education 439, teaching traffic safety and automobile operation; Education 440, organization and supervision in safety education; and Health Education 411, principles and methods of teaching safety education.

Seismology Meetings Will Begin Monday

The Eastern section of the Seismological Society of America will begin its annual meeting Monday.

Some "very important practical applications" of seismological research have brought this once-obscure field more attention from the public and government in recent years, according to Dr. Benjamin F. Howell, Jr., chairman of the Eastern section and head of the departments of geophysics and geochemistry.

The role of seismology in the detection of nuclear blasts is the most important of these developments. A projected international network to monitor nuclear tests would have to use seismological methods of discerning natural earth vibrations from man-made ones.

Geophysical exploration, including oil prospecting, is another important development. And industrial vibration, especially mining and quarrying blasts, is a more critical issue now that Pennsylvania suburbs are stretching far from cities into the fringes of mining areas.

Not all of the 23 technical papers to be presented at the meeting will have a specific application in these fields. But Howell feels that even basic or recondite research in seismology will draw more than customary attention. A joint semi-

nar on stress wave propagation at the University will also draw more participants to the seismological meeting.

Members of the conference will also tour the University's laboratories, including the largest earthquake "observatory" in the state.

The Great American Desert covers an area of 1,050,000 square miles.

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LYDIA BRUCE as Abbie Putnam, and Don Petersen as Eben, embrace during the tense drama of "Desire Under the Elms." The play will continue until Saturday at Mateer Playhouse.

Mushroom Course To Conclude Today

Over one hundred mushroom growers from all over the world are attending the 4th annual Mushroom Industry short course on campus.

The institute, which closes today, has representatives from England, Canada and many other countries and from over 15 states. F. C. Snyder, director of short courses in the College of Agriculture, said that it is the only course of its kind in the United States.

The institute is being sponsored jointly by the College of Agriculture and the American Mushroom Institute.

Snyder said the small enrollment is due to a damp and moist spring which produced a good mushroom crop. Many of those who had planned to attend the institute are tending their crops, he said.

Activities of the institute included a welcome by E. L. Sumner, the American Mushroom Institute president, tours of the Mushroom laboratory and research center, a picnic and the discussion of new developments in the field of mushroom growing.

Discussions ranged from recent developments in animal pest control and a process for washing mushrooms to "mak-

ing America mushroom conscious."

During the institute, members visited the new research buildings erected on campus.

The new mushroom house has three different growing rooms with each room controlled for temperature and humidity. This was done to allow research on the growing processes. A newly equipped laboratory has also been built.

According to Snyder it is now the best equipped mushroom house in the world. The buildings will be used mainly for research but will also serve as instruction quarters for graduate students, he said.

Snyder said that a crop will be placed in the buildings within three months.

Sigafoos Accepts Post

Dr. Robert A. Sigafoos has resigned as acting director of the Institute of Local Government to accept a position as land economist with the Stanford Research Institute at South Pasadena, Calif. He joined the faculty in 1956 and was named acting director of the Institute on April 1, 1958.

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